

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 9 and 24 were pending in this application when last examined.

Claim 9 was indicated as allowed.

Claim 24 was examined on the merits and stands rejected.

Claim 24 is amended to delete “monovalent organic group” without acquiescence to the correctness of the Office’s position.

No new matter has been added.

On pages 3-9 of the previous Office Action, claim 24 was newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for failing to meet the written description and enablement requirements.

Without acquiescence to the correctness of the Examiner’s position, Applicants have amended such claim to delete the rejected subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional application on such rejected subject matter. Further, as pointed out by the Examiner, the compounds of amended claim 24, wherein R4 is hydrogen, are disclosed in Examples 68 and 69 of the present specification. Thus, for reasons which are self-evident, these rejections are overcome as applied to amended claim 24.

It is further noted that claim 9 has been indicated as allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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